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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 10, 2004  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL  
APPLICATION AND PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the August 10, 2004 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 10, 2004 Notice was originally due October 10, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time. The required fee for a five-month extension of time is \$2,160.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the August 10, 2004 Notice is now due March 10, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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